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State Health Department Releases 2004 HIV Infection Numbers

BISMARCK, N.D. – Fifteen newly diagnosed HIV infections were reported to the North Dakota Department of Health during 2004, according to the department's *2004 HIV/AIDS Summary* report.

"The number of HIV infections reported each year in North Dakota has remained steady over time," said Karin Mongeon, HIV/AIDS Program manager for the Department of Health. "Since confidential HIV case reporting began in North Dakota in 1984, 343 HIV infections have been reported in the state."

According to the report, new infections are diagnosed primarily in those age 20 through 39. Male-to-male sexual contact continues to account for about one-half of all HIV infections reported, and heterosexual contact for about one-fourth. The complete *2004 HIV/AIDS Summary* report can be found at www.ndhiv.com/programs/mediafiles/HIVAIDSEpidemiologicReport2004.pdf. (Please note: Because of the small numbers reported, caution must be used when making inferences from this data.)

The North Dakota Department of Health encourages those at risk for HIV through unprotected sexual contact or sharing equipment for injecting drug use to seek HIV testing. For more information about HIV, call 1.800.70.NDHIV or visit www.ndhiv.com.

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